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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 April 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-27 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-27 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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Election/Restrictions

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-7, drawn to a method in which a user generates a predictive model, classified in class 705, subclass 7.
- II. Claims 8-18 drawn to a method for providing a graphical user interface to a user of model generation activities, classified in class 705, subclass 11.
- III. Claims 19-23, drawn to a method of imposing structured sequence of model generation activities to be followed by a user, classified in class 705, subclass 7.
- IV. Claims 24-27, drawn to a method providing a graphical user interface comprising icons connected by transitional graphical elements, classified in class 705, subclass 7.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because:

Inventions I and II are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The subcombinations are distinct from each other if they are shown to be separately usable. In the instant case, Invention I method for a user to generate a predictive model; Invention II is a method of providing a graphical user interface for a user having a sequence of model generation activities. Invention I has separate utility in the generation, by a user, of a predictive model. Invention II has separate utility as a method providing a graphical user interface (display) of a structure

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sequence of modeling activities. One does not need a graphical user interface displaying a sequence of model generation activities in order to create a predictive model, nor does one necessarily need to create a model after 'viewing' a graphical user interface having a sequence of model generation activities. See MPEP § 806.05(d).

Inventions I and III are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The subcombinations are distinct from each other if they are shown to be separately usable. In the instant case, Invention I method for a user to generate a predictive model and Invention III is a method for imposing a structure sequence of steps for predictive model generation. One does not need to follow an imposed sequence of activities to generate a predictive model. The subcombination has a separate utility such as enforcing a sequence of predictive model generation activities on a user. See MPEP § 806.05(d).

Inventions I and IV are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The subcombinations are distinct from each other if they are shown to be separately usable. In the instant case, Invention I method for a user to generate a predictive model and Invention IV is a method for utilizing icons and transitional elements to represent a process to be followed when creating a predictive model. One does not need the graphical user interface nor the icons/transitional elements of Invention IV in order for a user to generate a predictive model (Invention I),

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nor does providing a graphical user interface necessarily request in the creation of a predictive model.

Inventions II and III are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The subcombinations are distinct from each other if they are shown to be separately usable. In the instant case, Invention II is a method of providing a graphical user interface for a user having a sequence of model generation activities and Invention III is a method for imposing a structure sequence of steps for predictive model generation. The subcombination as has separate utility of utilizing a graphical user interface to impose a sequence of activities on a user.

Inventions II and IV are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The subcombinations are distinct from each other if they are shown to be separately usable. In the instant case, Invention II is a method of providing a graphical user interface for a user having a sequence of model generation activities and Invention IV is a method for utilizing icons and transitional elements to represent a process to be followed when creating a predictive model. Invention II does not require the use of transitional elements or icons in the graphical user interface for providing an indication of the sequence of activities.

Inventions III and IV are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The subcombinations are distinct from each other if they are

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shown to be separately usable. In the instant case, Invention III is a method for imposing a structure sequence of steps for predictive model generation and Invention IV is a method for utilizing icons and transitional elements to represent a process to be followed when creating a predictive model. Invention III does not require the use of transitional elements or icons in the graphical user interface for providing an indication of the sequence of activities. The subcombination as has separate utility of utilizing a graphical user interface, more specifically icons linked by transitional elements, to impose a sequence of activities on a user.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and the search required for Groups I, II or III are not required for Groups I, II, III or IV restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SCOTT L. JARRETT whose telephone number is (571)272-7033. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 8:00AM - 5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Beth Boswell can be reached on (571) 272-6737. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3623